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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-162430)

DATE: 10/31/68

FROM : *77/jes* SAC, MIAMI (105-7046) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSE ANTONIO DUARTE-CROPESA
IS - CUBA

OO: Los Angeles

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DATE 1/26/95 BY SP8MAC/6CL
(JFK)

Re Los Angeles airtel 9/27/68.

The following sources who are closely associated with the Poder Cubano groups in Miami, Fla., advised that captioned individual is not associated in the Miami area with any known Poder Cubano members. These sources are as follows:

RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, source of the Miami Office

OSCAR ANGULO REYES, PSI

JOSE GARCIA VALDEZ, PSI

MM 635-S

MM 639-S

On 10/29/68 MM 639-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has been active in Cuban revolutionary matters for the past ten years, advised as follows:

GERALD PATRICK HEMMING is an American soldier of fortune and adventurer who has been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for about six years and who presently is residing in Los Angeles, Calif. On 10/28/68 HEMMING called Miami and told MM 639-S that DUARTE claims to be the representative of ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA in Los Angeles, Calif. BOSCH,

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (105-23367) (RM)
- 2 - New York (105-5882) (RM)
- 1 - Miami

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a Cuban exile in Miami, Fla., has been active in bombing shipments going to Cuba and was arrested by the FBI on 10/11/68.

HEMMING stated that ROY HARGRAVES, another American adventurer, presently living in Los Angeles, Calif., was formerly active in Cuban revolutionary matters in Miami. HARGRAVES is presently in jail in Los Angeles and is charged with dynamiting right wing organizations and also the headquarters of the Black Panthers in the Los Angeles area. HARGRAVES reportedly works for DUARTE, who is associated with black militant organizations and extreme right wing groups. However, DUARTE apparently wants racial warfare between these two groups and is promoting unrest between racial and political groups.

HEMMING said he was told by HARGRAVES that there are guerrilla warfare camps in Mexico and such groups as the Black Panthers and the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) send members to Mexico to receive guerrilla warfare training. HARGRAVES claimed that DUARTE said he sent an American friend to Mexico to inspect these guerrilla warfare camps and to report back to him, DUARTE.

HEMMING said that he had received some inquiry in the Los Angeles area from militant right wing groups concerning DUARTE's background, purposes and honesty.

HEMMING requested any information developed in Miami by MM 639-S be forwarded to Los Angeles so that these right wing groups could be advised. HEMMING explained that DUARTE has been able to collect some money from extremist groups in the Los Angeles area.

MM 639-S explained that both HEMMING and HARGRAVES are extremists, activists, mercenaries, soldiers of fortune, opportunists, and immoral. However, they have a thorough knowledge of Cuban revolutionary activities, have participated in many proposed raids and invasions, are knowledgeable concerning Cuban matters and are well acquainted in the Cuban exile community in the United States.

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MM 639-S advised he did not know what reliance could be put on information furnished by HEMMING but HEMMING is in a position to furnish information; however, HEMMING frequently alters, distorts and changes the information to suit his fancy.

Miami at Miami, will maintain contact with MM 639-S to ascertain what further information may be developed concerning captioned subject.